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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I am writing mainly to thank you for the unbelievable efforts you have made in the search for a solution to the assassination of John F. Kennedy. You can never be rewarded as you deserve. Your fellow countrymen owe you a debt they they can never repay. In a way, you are afflicted with Cassandra's curse, though after the fact, not before. The tragedy is the same.

I have also noticed in your latest opus, *Case Open*, that *Oswald in New Orleans* is available again. I have all your earlier Kennedy volumes (though *Whitewash* is in the trade paperback, rather than your self-published version) and I would like to complete my set. Could you please let me know the price (with S&H and so on), so that I can order it as soon as possible. I am also eagerly awaiting *Never Again!*

I myself am a professional historian (I received my doctorate from Oxford), and when I am not busy teaching and writing books and articles on ancient history, I am putting together a book on the single bullet theory, what I believe to be the weakest and most self-evidently false link in the 'official' version. This is to be a large, analytical, academic book, not a popular best-seller, like Posner's piece of propaganda. They even had him on TV up here in Canada, debating with some guy from Texas who was more interested in plugging his book than getting to the truth. It was a phone-in programme and there

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were a number of extremely sceptical callers—especially a metallurgical physicist who didn't believe that CE 399 could have gone through all that bone and emerged looking as it did—none of whom got a straight answer from Posner. I have found that for so many of the experts called by the HSCA the question of another shooter came down to a single fact: if the bullet that struck Kennedy in the back did not exit from his throat, what happened to it? That is the point on which everything hinges. If Kennedy was struck from the front (as the medical evidence indicates) and the back, where are the bullets? My only conclusion is that they were removed at or prior to the autopsy (though not in any Lifton-like scenario), but that suggests a massive cover-up, very high in the ranks of the Secret Service and the Navy. Convincing anyone of that, no matter how compelling the other eyewitness, medical, and photographic testimony, is going to be a tall order. Any thoughts on the matter?

I have even gone so far as to do a blind analysis with the chief forensic pathologist in Ottawa: I gave him all the photographic and written medical evidence in order, but disguised the date of the incident and the victim (this is the only way to conduct such an evaluation). His conclusion was that the wound in the throat was one of entrance and that the wound in the back was at about the third thoracic vertebra. The head wounds he had more trouble with, since the evidence is so contradictory. My father-in-law, one of Canada's leading dental radiologists (who must remain nameless since he doesn't want the CIA coming after him, honestly!), has examined the skull and dental X-rays. He says that the pre- and post-assassination films are of the same teeth, but of course there is no way of telling whose teeth they

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are. He also agrees that the damage to the skull in the X-rays is incompatible with the autopsy photographs. These conclusions are not news to you, of course, but I try to get independent confirmation of all third-party interpretations and analysis. My main problem, of course, being up here in Canada, is access to documentation and at some point in the future I shall have to pay a visit to you and the Assassination Archives in order to get what I need.

I shall close with many best wishes for your continued health and vigour. Damn the torpedoes! Full speed ahead! And once again, thank you.

Yours truly,

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